

The Principles of Bacteriology. By Ferdinand Hueppe; Authorized translation by E. O. Jordan. Open Court Publishing Co. In 1895 the author wrote in the preface to this work, the following: "Bacteriology is just now in transition from the natural history stage to the scientific. The former aspect is adequately treated in some good and comprehensive manuals which attempt to bring together all the available data, and there exist also some good short text-books which contain, in addition to an exposition of methods, the more important facts of the subject set forth with especial view to the needs of the physician. * * * In this book I wish to present an attempt at a critical and comprehensive exposition of bacteriology, basing it clearly and solidly upon scientific conceptions." The author seems to have aided materially in hastening the transition stage, and in moving bacteriology into the domain of science. The book is well gotten out and illustrated.

The Self Cure of Consumption Without Medicine, by Chas. H. Stanley Davis, comes from the press of E. B. Treat & Co., and sells for the modest sum of 50 cents. This little volume is an excellent one to place in the hands of the tubercular patient who has enough intelligence to carefully consider his own case, his own chances of recovery, and the proper things he had best do to take care of himself. It is written in a quiet, dignified manner and ought to meet with a friendly and cordial reception from the medical profession. The work of the out-door sanatoria in the East is discussed in a dispassionate tone, but one that is very convincing. The book ought not only to sell well, but it ought also to do considerable good when placed in the right hands.

The American Journal of Obstetrics for March contains two interesting papers on the subject of extra-uterine pregnancy. One is by F. F. Simpson, recounting a case of combined intra- and extra-uterine pregnancy, and the other is by Henry D. Ingraham, reporting twelve cases of extra-uterine gestation. Accompanying the article by Simpson is a table which seems to have been compiled with great care and includes all the reported occurrences of this very unusual complication, 113 in all.

The Blues (Splanchnic Neurasthenia) Causes and Cure, by Albert Abrams. E. B. Treat & Co., New York, \$1.50. With a frontispiece showing the author's profile. It is difficult to determine, from the preface, whether this book is intended for the professional man or the lay reader and prospective patient. As the book seems to be extensively advertised and written up in lay publications, however, it is probably intended for the latter class.

The Complete Medical Pocket-Formulary and Physicians' Vademecum, third edition, is issued by the J. B. Lippincott Co., price \$1.75. This oblong volume contains 2595 prescriptions and several blank pages for additions, as well as other matter of more or less constant value. The arrangement, alphabetically by diseases, or diseases alphabetically, is a good one and reference is easy.

Transactions of the Medical Society of the State of New Jersey, 1903. Some of the papers contained in this volume are the following: Cantwell's Operation for Complete Epispadia; Infantile Colic; Mosquitoes and Malaria, by J. J. Kinyoun; Malformations of the Female Generative Organs; Extensive Fracture of Skull; Excision of the Scapula; Vaccination.

(Why not publish a journal?—Ed.)

Some Ancient Pharmacists. By Prof. C. S. N. Hallberg. Reprinted from the *Western Druggist*. This is an exceedingly interesting pamphlet on the early history of pharmacy, which, at that time,

meant medicine, for the practice of pharmacy was the forerunner of medicine and of the natural sciences.

Three cases of appendicitis in which the patient was operated upon during pregnancy, are reported by Monod (*Compt. Rend. de la Soc. d'Obst., T. V. 1903*). The operation did not disturb the course of the pregnancy, nor did the latter seem to affect the operation at all.

Experiments on the Metabolism of Matter and Energy in the Human Body, by W. O. Atwater and F. G. Benedict, is an exceedingly valuable monograph on the subject published by the Department of Agriculture. Exhaustive experiments have been made and a mass of data is here recorded.

Gardens of Medicinal Plants. By Prof. Albert Schneider, of the Department of Pharmacy, Univ. of Calif. An excellent article on this subject, published in the *Am. Jour. of Pharmacy*, Philadelphia, January, 1904.

Are We to Have a United Medical Profession? by Chas. S. Mack, La Porte, Indiana.

Similia Similibus Curantur is the motto of this pamphlet.

Varicella Gangrenosa. Its apparent frequent association with tuberculosis. By William A. Edwards, M. D., Coronado. Reprint from the *Archives of Pediatrics*.

The March issue of the *Colorado Medical Journal* is devoted to "Pulmonary Tuberculosis" as a special number, about double the size of the regular issues. The list of contributors comprises physicians from various parts of the United States, California being represented by Dr. F. M. Pottenger of Los Angeles, Dr. George E. Abbott of Pasadena and Dr. Albert Abrams of San Francisco. The publishers announce that no free sample copies of this special number will be furnished.

"Uncinariasis in Porto Rico," by Drs. Ashford and King, appears in the *New Orleans Medical and Surgical Journal* for March. It seems to be an excellent and exhaustive essay on the subject.

PERSONALS.

Dr. R. V. Day has been appointed City Chemist of Los Angeles.

Dr. Samuel Latta was recently elected president of the Stockton Board of Health.

Dr. Frank Zelinsby has moved from St. Helena, Napa County, to Los Angeles.

Dr. J. L. Carson of Bakersfield has lost his sense of smell through the use of formalin vapor for disinfecting.

Dr. Charlotte Blake Brown of San Francisco has retired from practice. Dr. Brown received her certificate in 1876 and has been a member of the State and County Societies since that year.

Changes of address, San Francisco: Dr. Carlo G. G. Scaparone, 447 Broadway to 309 Montgomery ave.; Dr. John Wagner, 483 Valencia to 2049 Mission; Dr. W. G. Moore, 751 Sutter to 711 Taylor; Dr. W. N. Crothers, 813 Sutter to 819 Market; Dr. McC. Gedge, 406 Sutter to 369 Sutter; Dr. R. A. McLean, 146 Sutter to 2156 Sutter; Dr. A. U. Fuson, 2484 Mission to 2255 Mission; Dr. G. F. Shiels, 135 Geary to 590 Sutter.